

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. C-3049
on its own motion, to conduct an)
investigation into possible)
solutions for extending the life) ORDER MODIFYING CONFIDENTIAL
of area codes 308 and 402.) WAIVER SCHEDULE
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) Entered: August 29, 2006

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 13, 2003, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened Docket No. C-3049 to conduct an investigation into possible solutions for extending the life of area codes 308 and 402. In an order released on June 27, 2006, the Commission implemented mandatory pooling for all the rate centers in the 402 area code, with a deadline of November 1, 2006 to begin pooling. In the same order the Commission granted waivers for certain rate centers owned by Great Plains Communications, Inc. (Great Plains). Great Plains is in the process of upgrading switch software or replacing switch platforms in its exchanges. Although 19 Great Plains exchanges will complete switch modifications/replacements by November 1, 2006, 14 Great Plains rate centers were not scheduled to complete modification or replacement before the deadline. Therefore, Great Plains requested and was granted a waiver of the November 1, 2006, deadline for the remaining 14 rates centers. However, Great Plains was required under the order to implement thousands-block pooling concurrently with scheduled switch modifications/replacements in those rate centers. Great Plains filed a switch replacement schedule as confidential information under the protective order. Under the approved schedule, Great Plains is to have thousands-block number pooling implemented in all its exchanges in the 402 area code by March 31, 2008.

On August 14, 2006, Great Plains submitted a request to modify the schedule for switch modification/replacement contained in the confidential attachment to the testimony of the representative of the Rural Independent Companies in four (4) of its rate centers. Great Plains indicated that it had decided to make further upgrades to those rate centers instead of only upgrading the switch software. This action will not only make them pooling capable, but also support more advanced services for the customers served by these switches. Therefore, they requested that the modified confidential schedule for switch replacements submitted with the August 14, 2006, letter be

adopted in place of the original schedule adopted by the Commission. The March 31, 2008 deadline for Great Plains to be fully implemented in number pooling remains unchanged.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the modified schedule filed confidentially by Great Plains on August 14, 2006, be and is hereby approved and Great Plains shall act in accordance therewith.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 29th day of August, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director